

AAUW Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch Standing Rules

Standing rules ~~are those which~~ directly affect members of the branch. They should be reviewed annually by a committee of board members appointed by the president and chaired by the parliamentarian or bylaws chair. Standing rules can be amended by a majority vote at a branch meeting if previous notice has been given or by a two-thirds vote if no notice has been given. Standing rules will be published annually in the branch ~~Directory or the newsletter~~. Branch members may propose ~~add~~ other standing rules as needed.

Programs/Events/Interest Group Meetings

General meetings shall be accessible to the handicapped.

~~No conference or convention~~No meetings will be held on days of the following major religious observances: Maundy Thursday through Easter, Rosh Hashanah (two days), Yom Kippur, the first two days of Passover, Christmas, and major holidays of other significant religious or ethnic groups in the state. (~~AAUW policy~~) (~~Note: All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the day before.~~)

All general meetings are open to interested members of the public. No branch member may be denied admission to any general meeting of the branch which requires a fee to attend. Fees are stated in advance and included in meeting publicity.

When a branch activity requires prior reservations and payment, payment will not be refunded to any person who fails to cancel a reservation in time for the branch to recover its cost.

Members shall ~~neither~~not sell tickets to or advertise non-AAUW events ~~nor advertise them~~ during branch programs, activities, or events.

A petition not officially supported by AAUW may be presented by a member at a general meeting provided

- The petition is within the scope of AAUW's public policy principles for action and is not in opposition to any AAUW policy.
- The member has received approval from the president who has conferred with the public policy chair and other appropriate officers.

The president will announce that the petition is available and that the branch has no official position. The petition may be taken to other branch meetings.

Membership

Prospective members ~~who are eligible for membership~~ may attend three programs, events or interest group meetings before joining ~~being asked to join~~. An exception is made for spouses in couples groups. Membership renewals are due by June 30. Members must pay dues by ~~June 20~~ the Directory publishing deadline to be included in the yearly branch ~~Directory~~. Non-payment of dues will result in loss of membership. ~~If dues are not paid by July 31, the person will be dropped from branch membership.~~

Board Meetings

All board meetings are open to branch members. If a branch member attending a board meeting wishes to speak, s/he will have the courtesy to notify the president in order to be put on the agenda. Approved board minutes are available to non-board members upon request to the president.

Interest ~~or~~ Study Groups

~~All~~Interest groups are open to all branch members. If a group becomes too ~~large~~ that space is a problem, the president will work with the president-elect to form an additional group or groups.

~~With the approval of the board of directors, A~~any member may form a new interest group with the approval of the board, providing its meetings will not conflict with other scheduled branch and/or interest group meetings, ~~and providing that it is open to all members.~~

Interest groups may charge a small fee for materials to be used within the group. These fees shall remain within the group and will not become a part of the branch general fund. Should the group disband, group members may choose which AAUW entity will receive any remaining funds.

Fund Raising

The branch will ~~neither not~~ raise funds for ~~n~~or donate funds to any organization outside of AAUW except for educational purposes specifically approved by the board.

Election Activities of Individual Branch Members

An individual member may endorse, as a private citizen, candidates for appointive or elective office, partisan or non-partisan, but such endorsement shall not use the name of AAUW. The member may contribute money or anything of value to such candidates.

As a candidate for any office, a member may declare membership in AAUW as long as she or he is not opposing any AAUW program or policy. Declaring one's AAUW membership while opposing an AAUW position violates the Association Use of Name policy.

Classified Business Listings Ads in the Directory ~~Triad~~

Classified business listings that appear in the back of the is Ddirectory are free to any member who purchases ad space in the Directory, ~~Triad~~ and OML website. ~~A member, who does not purchase an ad, may submit a business listing for \$25.~~

Electronic Privacy

Without the permission of members, electronic communications will not contain postal addresses. However, it is the responsibility of individual members who submit articles to the *Triad* to include only that personal information about themselves that they are willing to have distributed electronically.

AAUW Communications

The ~~membership D~~directory, ~~the Triad~~newsletter, and ~~all~~ny AAUW OML electronic communications shall be used exclusively for communication on AAUW matters among the branch members. They shall not be used for solicitation of any kind. Any advertiser articles will follow OML advertising guidelines.

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